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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 19 October 1966

The Director opened the meeting by calling attention to a memorandum from General Carter outlining NSA activities in connection with the Presidential trip. He gave copies to the ADD/P and []

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The Director noted a cable from the Secretary of State to Ambassador Lodge concerning the South Vietnamese cabinet resignations. Carver reported that he had been in touch with [] on this cable last night. Godfrey said that the embassy in Saigon had cabled that the resignations might be held until after the Manila conference.

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The Director asked about the status of NIE 11-8-66, and Kent said that it will be ready for the pre-USIB meeting this afternoon. While he anticipates a possible need for subsequent meetings at the working level, Kent feels that the Estimate can be cleaned up without return to USIB.

DD/I briefed the Director on yesterday's Red Guard rally in Peking as a possible sign of serious disarray in the leadership.

(The Director left the meeting, taking Carver with him. The DDCI took the chair.)

DD/I called attention to an item on Chinese Communist fighter aircraft production in this morning's CIB. DDCI warned against exaggerating Chinese difficulties in the production of MIG-21's.

DD/I noted that the tripartite talks in Bonn begin today and that the U. S. delegation is composed of McCloy, Bowie, McNaughton, and General Spivy.

Godfrey called attention to a station assessment of [] which he described as excellent.

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Kent noted that a SNIE is in preparation for McCloy, who went over the terms of reference himself, on reactions to withdrawals of U. S. forces from Europe. He indicated the Director's concern over the cabinet resignations in Saigon and said that ONE will be watching this subject.

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Executive Director noted a BOB action reducing a proposed Agency [redacted] and said that Critchfield and John Clarke will review the matter to determine the possibility of a reclama.

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